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ORANGEBURG, S. C., MAY 23, 1879.

Orangeburg.

A correct estimate of the results of

farli labor cannot be made without

reliable statistics upon which to base

the calculation; in the absence of

these, therefore, we are only able to

give an approximation, sufficiently

near the true figures, to warrant the

conclusion arrived at. The farmers

of our county have depended mainly

upon cotton as the money crop, and

whatever prosperity has been attained

was in proportion to the amount of

that staple produced over and above

expenses. A few, more progressive

than others, have varied their crops

sufficiently to supply their home de-

mands for provisions, and are to-day

more prosperous than their neighbors

who have relied solely on cotton.

The entire production of cotton for

the county may be safely put down

at thirty-five thousand bales, one-

half of which is sold in the county

and the other half shipped to Charle-

ston or elsewhere. At 8 1/2 cents per

pound, the average price of the last

season, that portion of the cotton

crop sold in the county yielded the

sum of \$700,000. From other

farm sources, lumber, mechanical

labor, etc., money values may have

been created to the amount of \$100,-

000, making a total of \$800,000 made

and sold in the county and constitutes

the basis of trade between our citi-

zens.

The cotton, one-half, sold at points

without the county, yielded at least

an additional sum of \$700,000, while

the lumber trade of Beaufort and

Charleston and other sources, returned

at least \$200,000 more, making a

grand total of money values created

in Orangeburg County of \$1,700,000.

The amount of trade done in the

town of Orangeburg will approach

\$800,000, that of other points will

foot up an aggregate of \$400,000

more, making a total of \$1,200,000

worth of trade done by the merchants,

and leaving \$500,000 expended out-

side the county. It will be seen that

these estimates are low and within

the actual limits of the trade done,

nor do they represent the full capac-

ity of the county, yet an increase can

and ought to be made equal to the

amount of money spent beyond the

limits of the county. If the entire

cotton crop should be sold in the

county, very nearly a million and a

half of dollars would be put in cir-

culation, and to that extent the trade

of the towns of the county would be

increased. The full value of the en-

tire production of our citizens would

be kept at home for the use of the

county and to promote the prosperity

of her citizens. Every dollar spent

from home diminishes the circulation

and that hinders the prosperity of

home enterprises.

It seems to us therefore, to be the

duty of every farmer to supply his

wants as far as possible from home

sources, and what surplus he may have

spare to spend among his neigh-

bors and county merchants and thus

aid in building up a general prosper-

ity among our citizens. It is equally

the duty of the merchant to sell his

wares at such prices as will induce

the farmer to do his trading at home.

High prices will drive trade from a

town because men will go where they

can buy cheapest; and the reverse is

equally true that low prices will

increase trade and the general pros-

perity of a people. In a densely pop-

ulated country there is no good rea-

son for a poor market or for the peo-

ple to go beyond their county limits

to sell their produce. The one seems

to necessitate the other unless mer-

chants are too blind to see their own

interest. In the North where the

country is thickly peopled there are

towns and cities every five or ten

miles, all doing a good business and

general prosperity attends the work

of the citizens. Merchants, in order

to increase their trade, offer every

inducement and find that a large

trade, induced by low prices, gives

more satisfaction than a small trade

and high prices. Indeed, the same

policy is beginning to be adopted by

the merchants of Orangeburg, and

they recognize the necessity of hold-

ing the trade already acquired and

of increasing it by superior induc-

ements. We were told only a few

days since by one of the leading mer-

chants of our town that he would du-

plicate at his store Charleston prices

and give a better article. Let our citi-

zens know this, that it is in good faith

and we guarantee the entire trade of

the county will center in the towns

of the county. It is an easy matter

to test the sincerity of this assertion

—a knowledge of Charleston prices

is all that one needs. Cotton is

bought here at as close figures as in

any town in the State, and we believe,

for cash, goods can be purchased

here as low as elsewhere. More ear-

nest efforts are being put forth in

the shape of special, cheap stores than

ever known before, and the success

of one such enterprise will be but

opening the way to a cheap market

and a flourishing town, for our coun-

ty is sufficiently dense in population,

our lands are fertile, climate salubri-

ous and fixed, citizens intelligent and

law abiding and our government

Democratic, therefore honest. Cheap

markets, at which the entire trade of

our citizens may center, are only

needed to introduce a new and more

prosperous period for our county.

We trust the time is not far distant

when all the resources of the our fa-

vored county will be developed and

utilized, and our people shall realize

the fact that diversified industry is a

nation's prosperity.

District Conference.

The Orangeburg District Confer-

ence of the M. E. Church, South, con-

vened at Williston in Barnwell Coun-

ty, Thursday morning, May 15. Rev.

O. A. Harby preached the open-

ing sermon on Wednesday night. Rev.

M. Brown, Presiding Elder of the

District, in the absence of the

Bishop, called the Conference to or-

der, and Messrs. J. N. Hook and L.

T. Izlar were elected secretaries. The

reports of the different circuits and

stations embraced in the District

were called for and the preachers in

charge gave an encouraging account

of their respective fields of labor.

These reports, touching upon all the

varied interests of the church, con-

sumed the first three sessions of the

Conference and were listened to with

the deepest interest by the members.

Friday the following gentlemen were

elected delegates to the next annual

Conference: Dr. W. W. Smith, of

Williston; Dr. R. W. Bates, of Pro-

vidence; Mr. James Stokes, of Orange

and Mr. J. N. Hook, of Lewisville.

The following were elected alternates:

Dr. J. D. Odom, Geo. W. Barton,

Dr. J. W. Summers and Mr. J. C. Pike.

Bishop Wightman, who arrived on

Thursday evening, favored the confer-

ence with several instructive talks

upon the various topics affecting the

interest of the Church in this portion

of the State. His remarks upon fam-

ily prayer were particularly interest-

ing, and, doubtless, will send an in-

fluence out that will work for the ad-

vancement of the Church and the glo-

ry of Christ's Kingdom in our midst.

The Sunday School work was not

neglected by the good Bishop, but

was made the subject of one of his

talks. Those who listened to his

stirring appeals in behalf of the little

ones, and to his earnest instructions

as to the conduct of our schools, will

certainly return more deeply infused

with the spirit of the Master and de-

termined to labor more zealously in

a field where so much may be done

for the good of their Church.

The work of the Woman's Mission-

ary Society was cordially commended

to the Church as an auxiliary, under

the providence of God, destined to

accomplish a great work in behalf

of the spread of the gospel among the

heathens of the earth.

The interest which the Church has

in the success of Wofford College

was forcibly presented by the Bishop

and that institution commended to

the patronage of Methodist people

throughout the District. Lewisville,

in Orangeburg County, was selected

as the place of meeting of the next

District Conference.

The Monument.

On the 13th instant we witnessed the ceremonies attending the unveiling of the monument, erected by the charitable efforts of the ladies of our State, to perpetuate the memory of our heroes who gave their lives in defense of the principles and the honor of South Carolina. The cause for which they sacrificed their lives is indeed lost, but the memory of their deeds shall live so long as this monument stands and the noble efforts of the ladies, who planned and completed the work, shall be honored by the citizens of our State. The vast multitude (more than ten thousand souls) that attended on that occasion and the order which prevailed, attest how deep the current of love flows in the heart of their countrymen. It was to us a novel spectacle that a subjugated people would dare erect a monument in honor of their dead, and thus by that act make them heroes in the eyes of the world. No other subjugated people ever did as much. Ireland embalmed the memory of her patriot, Emmet, in the heart of her citizens, but never dared to erect a monument to perpetuate it. Poland transmits by tradition through her elders the secret record of the lives of her heroes, but builds no monument to tell posterity of their fame. The South, subjugated, impoverished by the burning of the homes of her citizens and the confiscation of millions of their property, stands alone in history, possessed of an independence peculiar to the Democratic institutions of America, which dares, in the presence of her conquerors and before the eyes of the world, to honor her dead by erecting a monument sacred to the memory of their lives and their deeds. There are but few things left of the old Republic to commend our citizens to that form of government, but this alone is sufficient to make us love it more than man could possibly love the despotism that subjugated Poland, or the monarchy that subjugated Ireland.

The Republican Nomination.

The friends of Secretary Sherman, preparatory to his nomination for the Presidency, are feeling their way cautiously but earnestly. An effort was made some time ago to enlist Mr. Hayes in behalf of the Secretary, but in the light of recent events that fraudulent official sees a faint hope of a second term and is slow to commit himself before more light is thrown upon the hope of his young ambition. Whilst these moves are being made upon the political chess board, the friends of General Grant, no longer assured of a prompt, not to say unanimous, nomination, are more than anxious for a movement to be inaugurated which will divide distinctly the influence of Hayes and Sherman. Their management is characterized by all the adroitness of skilled politicians and all the daring of those who once tasted the good thing of Presidential patronage; and the country need not be surprised, when the Republican Convention meets to see Gen. Grant thrust in between Sherman and Hayes and come out the nominee of his party. If, however, either Hayes or Sherman withdraws from the contest, the influence of the one may be readily utilized in favor of the other, and Grant with his family relations must of necessity pull wires harder than ever before to secure the desired nomination. So unsettled is politics at the present time and so fickle are the minds of her votaries that a day may develop and bring forth a wonderful change. The unpopularity of Mr. Hayes but a few months ago and his present power in the Republican party, is a case in point.

School Convention.

It will be seen by the communication of Mr. Holloway in another column that the 7th of June is suggested as the time for the meeting of the School Convention. Though earlier than was expected we would urge the teachers to meet promptly. Arrangements will be made for a place of meeting and for other matters necessary to the success of the Convention. Major Thompson, our State Superintendent, will be with us to aid by his counsel and influence in the organization and working of the Convention. We would suggest that a meeting of the Committee be had on next Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the office of the Democrat to take all the matters into consideration pertaining to the business of the Convention. The members of the committee, including those just appointed by Commissioner Connor, will please make an effort to be present at this meeting, as much will depend upon the wisdom of the plans adopted on that occasion.

Williams, Birnie & Co., of New York, have suspended. This failure will not interfere with the firm of Geo. W. Williams & Co.

Notice.

OFFICE OF COUNTY CHAIRMAN, DEMOCRATIC PARTY ORANGEBURG CO., ORANGEBURG, May 21, 1879. [Circular No. 3.]

By and with the advice of the County Executive Committee a County Convention of the Democratic Party of Orangeburg County, is hereby called to meet at Orangeburg Court House on Saturday, the 21st day of June, A. D., 1879, at eleven o'clock A. M., for the purpose of nominating a suitable person to be suggested to the Governor of the State for appointment to fill the office of Probate Judge of Orangeburg County, from and after the expiration of the term of office of Charles B. Glover, Esq., until the next general election as is provided by law; and also for the further purpose of nominating a suitable person to be in like manner suggested for appointment as aforesaid to fill the office of County Commissioner of said county from and after the expiration of the term of office of Norton N. Hayden, Esq., until the next general election aforesaid, and to do and transact such business as may properly be brought before said Convention.

Presidents of Clubs are requested to call their clubs to meet on or before the 14th day of June, 1879, for the purpose of electing delegates to the said Convention, and will report to the Secretary of the Executive Committee, immediately after their selection, the names of delegates and alternates elected from their respective clubs.

The basis of representation in said Convention will be one delegate for every twenty-five enrolled members. Fractions of twenty-five will not be entitled to representation.

It is the desire of the County Chairman that at the meetings of the clubs called to elect delegates there should be a full attendance, and also that delegates elected will punctually attend the Convention.

MALCOLM I. BROWNING, County Chairman.
J. L. HEIDTMAN, Sec. Pro Tem.
County Executive Committee.

Married.

On last Sunday in the Lutheran Church by Rev. J. F. Kiser, Mr. Arthur Lewin and Miss Euphemia R. Thompson; all of Orangeburg.

Brick!!

151,000 FIRST-CLASS ORANGEBURG BRICK for sale at the Orangeburg Brick Yard. For particulars enquire of A. M. Izlar at the Yard or JAS. C. BELL.
May 23—2mos.

A. B. KNOWLTON, A. LATHROP, KNOWLTON & LATHROP, Attorneys and Counsellors, ORANGEBURG, S. C.
Dec-13-4

SAMUEL DIBBLE, Attorney and Counsellor at Law (Cor. Church & St. Paul's Street.) ORANGEBURG, S. C.
Dec 13-4

Notice.

It is hereby given that a certain claim I have been approved by me in favor of M. E. Wilkinson, amount \$20, approved January 4, 1879, which mistake has the wrong number. The person who now holds the claim will please present it at my office that I may correct the mistake and register the same.
D. L. CONNOR,
Mar 21 School Commissioner O. C.

Notice.

It is hereby given that after this date, I will be in this office, for the purpose of transacting the business pertaining thereto, on the first Monday and third Friday and Saturday in each month until further notice.
D. L. CONNOR,
SCHOOL COMMISSIONER, Orangeburg County.
April 20th, 1879.

W. A. MERONEY, ORANGEBURG, S. C.

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Feb 14

Otto Sontag, DYER AND SCOURER, No. 34 Wentworth street, near the Old Artesian Well. CHARLESTON, S. C. Gents' Coats Vests and Pants nicely Cleaned, Dyed and Pressed. Faded and Moulded Clothing Renewed with the greatest dispatch.

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WE have a large and well assorted STOCK, and receive large invoices by every steamer direct from the factories in Massachusetts. Visit us when you come to the city. We can sell you anything in the BOOT and SHOE line as cheap as you can buy in Boston. Our goods the same as sold by any other wholesale house in the city, and our prices are from 10 to 20 per cent. lower. Liberal time to parties giving city accounts.
April 18—2mos

Notice.

OFFICE COUNTY AUDITOR, ORANGEBURG COUNTY, ORANGEBURG, S. C., April 30, 1879.—In accordance with an Act entitled "An Act to further provide for the assessment of real estate for the purposes of taxation," approved December 21, 1878, notice is hereby given that the following tax-payers have been appointed as assessors in their respective townships for the year 1879: